

COSTA RICA

ULRICH STRICKLER REFUSED TO TALK TO COMMITTEE

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Yesterday Ulrich Strickler refused to answer questions asked of him by members of the legislative committee investigating mutual funds activities and broker Robert L. Vesco.

Strickler was notified by attorney Harry Zurcher, in the presence of the committee and shortly before the questioning began, that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) had presented a formal claim against him which made him one of 42 executives of mutual funds companies accused with the broker, Robert Vesco, in New York state. The committee members respected Strickler's decision to refuse to answer questions in view of the fact that, legally speaking, his position had changed.

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During an exchange of views, the representatives of the National Liberation Party, Messrs Jorge Solano Chacon, Angel E. Solano Calderon, and Mr Edgar Arroyo Cordero, disagreed openly among themselves over the issue of whether Mr Strickler had been notified of the claim by the time he came before the committee. In light of this, a motion was proposed to make a protest to the U.S. Embassy, since it was already considered likely that the claim that Zurcher brought in the name of the SEC had arrived by that route. The motion was approved by the votes of the three National Liberation Party designated representatives and by the elected president, Rafael A. Valladares Mora, with Representative Guillermo Jimenez Ramirez voting against the motion.

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